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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on April 18, 2006. A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of October 18, 2006. Reconsideration of the abovereferenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.